

**STATE OF MAINE "BLUE PAPER":
APPLICATION FOR EMERGENCY INVOLUNTARY ADMISSION TO A PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL**

1. Application.

I hereby apply for emergency admission of _____, _____, _____
Proposed patient's FULL printed name (first, middle, last) gender date of birth
to _____ under 34-B M.R.S.A. § 3863. I believe that the proposed patient has a
Psychiatric hospital
mental illness because _____, and as a result poses a
Grounds for belief about **mental illness**
likelihood of serious harm because _____.
Grounds for belief about **likely harm, including nature of harm**

Date Applicant's printed name Applicant's signature Applicant's capacity
Name and address of proposed patient's guardian, spouse, parent, adult child, next of kin, or friend:

2. Certifying Examination. I hereby certify that:

(i) I am a licensed _____ and that I examined _____ today.
MD/DO/PhD/PA/NP/RN,CS Proposed patient

(ii) My opinion is that the proposed patient has a mental illness, exhibiting the following **symptoms**:

(iii) My opinion is that the proposed patient's **recent actions and behaviors** (not symptoms), described below, show that the proposed patient's illness poses a likelihood of serious harm under paragraph A, B or C.

- ☐ _____
A. Describe threats of or attempts at suicide or serious self-inflicted harm
- ☐ _____
B. Describe recent homicidal or violent behavior or recent conduct placing others in reasonable fear of serious physical harm
- ☐ _____
C. Describe recent behavior and how it shows inability to avoid risk or protect self from severe physical or mental harm

(iv) I have confirmed that adequate community resources are unavailable for care and treatment of the proposed patient's mental illness.

(v) I believe that the least restrictive form of transportation for the proposed patient's clinical needs is

Ambulance or other (please specify)

Date Time Examiner's printed name Examiner's signature

3. Judicial Review and Endorsement.

I find this application and certificate to be regular and in accordance with law. The proposed patient may be admitted to _____. If the proposed patient is not currently at that hospital,
Psychiatric hospital

_____ is authorized to take the proposed patient into custody and transport
Person authorized to take proposed patient into custody
the proposed patient to that hospital.

Date Time Judicial officer's printed name Judicial officer's signature (District, Probate or Superior Court Judge or Justice; Justice of the Peace)

INSTRUCTIONS

Generally

- A. The application cannot be altered after it has been signed by an examiner or judicial officer.
- B. A psychiatric hospital is any hospital that is equipped to provide inpatient care and treatment for people with mental illness.
- C. The psychiatric hospital named in the application may decline to admit the person, in which event the transporting agency must return the proposed patient from the hospital.
- D. The application expires 3 days after the patient's admission to the hospital, except that if the third day is a weekend or holiday, the application expires on the next business day following the weekend or holiday.

Section 1

- A. Any health officer, law enforcement officer or other person may fill out section 1.
- B. The applicant should provide name and address of the proposed patient's guardian, spouse, parent, adult, next of kin, or (if none of those exists) friend so that the hospital can fulfill its obligation to notify that person.

Section 2

- A. The certifying examination must take place no more than two days before the person is admitted to the hospital.
- B. The certifying examiner must describe both **symptoms of mental illness** and **actions or behaviors creating a likelihood of serious harm**. The three boxes in subsection (iii) pertain to the three statutory bases for the finding of likelihood of serious harm. The certifying examiner must check at least one box and provide the narrative information about actions or behaviors to support the opinion that the person's mental illness creates a likelihood of harm.
- C. The grounds for the opinion about illness and harm may be based on personal observation or on history and information from other sources considered reliable by the examiner.
- D. If patient does not require transportation, subsection (v) may be noted as N/A.

Section 3

- A. Between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., a proposed patient may be transported to the psychiatric hospital designated in section 3 and held for evaluation and treatment pending judicial endorsement if the endorsement is obtained as soon as possible outside those hours.
- B. The applicant must fill in the name of the transporter and the destination hospital before seeking judicial endorsement.